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Prior to examination of the above-identified application, amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the English Language Translation of the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 10 of this paper.

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